



**UNITED STATES RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611-2092**

**FORM RRB-1042S Tax Statement General Information**

The Form RRB-1042S tax statement(s) enclosed represent the payments made to you in the tax year(s) indicated on the tax statement(s). You will need to determine if any of the railroad retirement payments made to you are taxable. Explanations of items on the Form RRB-1042S are found on the back side of this sheet.

Form RRB-1042S reports the Social Security Equivalent Benefit (SSEB) portion of tier 1 paid to nonresident aliens. SSEB and special guaranty payments are similar to social security benefits and are treated as social security for Federal income tax purposes. Railroad retirement payments are **not** taxable for state income tax purposes.

**Our records indicate that you are a nonresident alien.** A nonresident alien is an individual who is neither a citizen or resident of the United States. Taxes should have been withheld from your railroad retirement benefit payments in the tax year indicated on your tax statement(s), unless exempt under a tax treaty to which the United States is a party. You are **not** required to file a U.S. Federal income tax return if: **(1)** your entire tax liability was fulfilled by withholding of tax on benefits; **(2)** your only income from sources within the United States was not connected to a trade or business; and **(3)** the correct amount of tax for the correct period was withheld. However, you may wish to file a tax return to receive a refund if too much tax was withheld from these payments. If your country of legal residence changed or your rate of tax changed during a given tax year, you may receive more than one Forms RRB-1042S and/or RRB-1099-R. If you were also a resident of the U.S. during a given tax year, you may receive Forms RRB-1099 and/or RRB-1099-R, and be required to file Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. For more information on filing requirements for aliens, refer to **IRS Publication 519, Tax Guide for Aliens**.

There are two boxes located at the top left hand side of the Form RRB-1042S tax statement indicated as **CORRECTED** or **DUPLICATE**. One of these boxes is checked when either a corrected or duplicate Form RRB-1042S is prepared. Both boxes are checked if the Form RRB-1042S is a duplicate of a previously corrected Form RRB-1042S. Neither box will be checked if this is an original Form RRB-1042S. You may receive more than one Form RRB-1042S for the tax year indicated. Each Form RRB-1042S is valid and should be included when you file your income tax return for the tax year indicated. However, do **not** use the original Form RRB-1042S when you file your income tax return if you received a duplicate or corrected Form RRB-1042S for that same tax year.

You may also receive Form RRB-1099-R tax statement(s) in addition to Form RRB-1042S. Form RRB-1099-R reports the taxable amount of and Federal tax withheld from, the Non Social Security Equivalent Benefit (NSSEB) portion of tier 1, tier 2, vested dual benefit, and supplemental annuity payments. Follow the **Instructions for Form 1040 Booklet** to determine your taxable amount. For more information, get **IRS Pub. 575, Pension and Annuity Income (Including Simplified General Rule)** or **IRS Pub. 939, Pension General Rule (Nonsimplified Method)** to determine your taxable amount.

The totals reported on your Form RRB-1042S may not equal the total amount of SSEB payments received during the tax year indicated. For beneficiaries receiving Medicare, the difference is the total amount of Medicare premiums paid during the tax year indicated. **The total Medicare premiums for the tax year indicated are not shown on any U. S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) tax statement.**

**Questions about U. S. income tax information and/or how to figure your taxable payments should be referred to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).** Call IRS toll-free for answers to your Federal tax questions. However, questions about railroad retirement benefit payments should be referred to the RRB. When contacting the RRB about your Form RRB-1042S, always give your claim number and payee code shown in Box 1 of your Form RRB-1042S. The recipient's identification number in Box 2 of the Form RRB-1042S is the social security number for the person listed as the recipient.

**You may want to retain this Form RRB-1042S for income verification purposes.**

**Please be sure the RRB always has your current mailing address.**

**COMPUTER MATCHING AND PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT NOTICE**

The Computer Matching and Privacy Act of 1988 requires the RRB to periodically advise you that information you have provided may be used, without your consent, in automated matching programs. These matching programs are a computer comparison of RRB records with records kept by other Federal, state, or local governmental agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to verify a person's eligibility for federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

**EXPLANATION OF ITEMS ON FORM RRB-1042S**

**BOX 3 - GROSS SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This amount is the total SSEB or special guaranty benefits paid to you during the tax year indicated. It includes any SSEB or special guaranty benefits paid to you during the tax year that were for prior years. This amount is **before** workers' compensation offset, if any, shown in Box 6.

**BOX 4 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 REPAID TO RRB IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This amount is the total SSEB or special guaranty benefits you repaid to the RRB during the tax year indicated. It includes any SSEB or special guaranty benefits you repaid during the tax year that were for prior years.

**BOX 5 - NET SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This total is the amount in Box 3 *minus* the amount in Box 4. A figure in parenthesis is a negative amount. This means that you repaid the RRB more than you received or were entitled to receive during the tax year indicated. If you received more than one Form RRB-1042S for the same tax year, a negative figure in Box 5 of Form RRB-1042S can be used to offset a positive figure in Box 5 of the other Form RRB-1042S for the same tax year. This offset cannot be done if the Form RRB-1042S represents more than one tax year.

**BOX 6 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION OFFSET IN THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This amount is for informational purposes. If there is an amount in this box, it is also included in Box 3.

**BOX 7 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID FOR ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This amount is the SSEB or special guaranty benefit that was paid for **one** year prior to the tax year indicated, **but was not paid** until the tax year indicated on the tax statement. This amount is included in Box 3.

**BOX 8 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID FOR TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This amount is the SSEB or special guaranty benefit that was paid for **two** years prior to the tax year indicated, **but was not paid** until the tax year indicated on the tax statement. This amount is included in Box 3.

**BOX 9 - SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT PORTION OF TIER 1 PAID FOR THREE YEARS PRIOR TO THE YEAR SHOWN ABOVE** - This amount is the SSEB or special guaranty benefit that was paid for **three** years or more prior to the tax year indicated, but **was not paid** until the tax year indicated on the tax statement. This amount is included in Box 3. The entire tier 1 benefit paid prior to 1986 is treated as SSEB. If a breakdown of this amount by year is needed, contact the RRB.

**BOX 10 - COUNTRY** - An entry in this item indicates the country of which you are a legal resident for tax purposes during the period covered by this Form RRB-1042S.

**BOX 11 - RATE OF TAX** - An entry in this item indicates the rate at which Federal tax was withheld on the SSEB or special guaranty payments that were paid during the period covered by this Form RRB-1042S.

**BOX 12 - FEDERAL INCOME TAX WITHHELD** - This is the total amount of U.S. Federal income tax withheld from the SSEB or special guaranty benefit payments that were paid during the period covered by this Form RRB-1042S.